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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

U.S. Patent 6,016,579 was previously listed on Form PTO-1449 and submitted to the Patent Office as an IDS with the originally filed patent application documents.

Applicant is now enclosing an English translation, comments submitted relating to entry into the European phase and which includes comments on the aforementioned U.S. Patent 6,016,579.

Also attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report of the International Patent Application dated March 16, 2004. This last sets examination report discusses U.S. Patent 6,016,579 which, as mentioned above, was previously submitted to the Patent Office by way of an IDS.

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